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Docket No.: 070366-0012

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Yasushi YAMAMOTO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 2340
Application No.: 10/772,582	:	Group Art Unit: 3772
Filed: February 06, 2004	:	Examiner: BROWN, MICHAEL A
For: MESSAGE MACHINE AND MESSAGE METHOD	:	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of January 24, 2007 wherein restriction has been required, Applicants hereby elect Group of claims 10-15 for prosecution in the above-identified application.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, Examiner Brown's courtesy and professionalism in conducting a telephone interview on January 30, 2007, during which how to respond to the Office Action was discussed. It is Applicants' understanding that Examiner Brown requested Applicants to elect one of groups of claims 1-9, claims 10-15, claims 16-20, and claim 21 for prosecution in the present application. As indicated above, Applicants elects claims 10-15.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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